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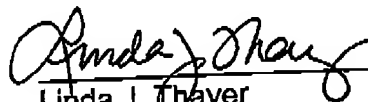
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Application No.: 09/989,070

Filed: November 21, 2001

For: METHOD, COMPUTER  
PROGRAM PRODUCT AND  
COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR A  
SINGLE DATABASE SYSTEM TO  
SUPPORT MULTIPLE  
APPLICATION SYSTEMS

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**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT**

Prior to continued prosecution of this application in accordance with the Request for Continued Examination filed on September 23, 2004 (with a request for a three-month suspension of time), Applicants request that this Amendment be entered and considered.

**Amendments to the Specification** are included in this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper beginning on page 4.

**Remarks** follow the amendment sections of this paper beginning on page 8.

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